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Once known as a thinking man's actor, Liam Neeson has reinvented himself with a series of butt-kicking thrillers ◐ How he did it {page 08}

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Time for a new plan

Almost exactly four years since his first crime plan, Nutter's second strategy to tackle crime Tougher punishments, bigger rewards offered

Beset by a startling 31 murders in 25 days, Mayor Michael Nutter and city officials unveiled a plan yesterday to crack down on violent crime by going after the one thing in Philadelphia more prolific than potholes: illegal guns.

The main focus of Nutter's approach is to push judges for at least two years of jail time for anybody convicted of carrying an illegal handgun. Those who help police recover an illegal handgun will also receive a $500 reward under the plan.

"Got a gun, go to jail," Nutter said, surrounded by city and state lawmakers at Strawberry Mansion High School. "No more slaps on the wrist, no more falling through the cracks, no more walking away and thinking nothing's going to happen."

Normally those prosecuted in Philadelphia for carrying illegal guns are given probation. District Attorney Seth Williams said prosecutors would indeed ask for stiffer penalties and work with other law enforcement agencies to track the city's most dangerous criminals.

Some gun-reform groups applauded the move.

"You now have the mayor's office, the DA's office, the police department — they're all committed," said Max Nacheman, executive director of CeaseFirePA, a statewide anti-gun violence advocacy organization. "And now it's up to judges to do their part and give penalties worthy of carrying an illegal gun in our city."

Nutter said he's talked with judges, but would not say whether there are on board with the plan. "They read the newspapers like everyone else," he said.

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Seven policies

There are seven main initiatives of the plan:

1. Seek jail time for those convicted of possessing illegal guns.
2. Double funding for the witness assistance fund.
3. Offer rewards of up to $20,000 for a murder arrest and conviction.
4. An anonymous text-hot line for residents to contact police.
5. Monitor the movement of the city's most violent criminals through the justice system.
6. Put about 100 more officers on the street.
7. Put more pressure on nuisance bars.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Commissioner Charles Ramsey's department is receiving an influx of new officers in 2012.

By the numbers

120
Number of cadets set to graduate from the police academy this spring.

100
Number of cadets expected to enter the police academy this summer.

A reward for every murder

PHILADELPHIA. For the first time ever, police will offer a reward for every murder conviction, which they hope will encourage community members to speak up.

"I think there are going to be some people who wouldn't otherwise come forward. [But] I don't think the flood gates are going to open," said Deputy Police Commissioner Richard Ross.

In some cases, the reward will be as much as $20,000. A police spokesman yesterday could not say if there would be a minimum.

Last week, police arrested three people in connection to the beating death of a Temple University student in Old City after a $20,000 reward was posted. METRO

In the news

Worker crushed to his death by UPS truck

An employee at the UPS depot was crushed to death by a delivery truck Wednesday night. The mechanic, 56, was working underneath the vehicle at the Oregon Avenue facility when, at 9:54 p.m., the hydraulic jack holding the truck up gave out and it fell on him. The man was pronounced dead on the scene. METRO

In the news

Sweeten sentenced

The Bucks County woman who made national headlines in 2009 for pretending black men kidnapped her and a daughter, Bonnie Sweeten, was reportedly sentenced to eight years in jail, a judge ruled Thursday. The 40-year-old Feasterville native actually stole $1 million from her boss and was sentenced for the large theft. METRO

Three new murders push '12 above notorious '07

PHILADELPHIA. After a bloody Wednesday, the homicide count for the year reached 31 in 25 days, six more than on the same date in 2011 and three more than the notoriously violent year of 2007.

Leonard Baylis, 34, allegedly shot Alberta Cooper Sampson, 40, before shooting himself at their home on the 4500 block of North 19th Street Wednesday afternoon around 2:20 p.m. Police recovered a gun beside Baylis' wheelchair.

Less than an hour later, Rashan Mickens, 24, was discovered shot on the 5600 block of Arch Street

Quadir Bush, 32, was shot on the 2000 block of Bridge Street in Frankford at 7:34 p.m. and died shortly before 8 p.m. METRO

▶ Time to take a load off.

Obesity wrangles health care, costs lots of money

PHILADELPHIA. Children in the city have an obesity problem that parents are not taking seriously, according to city health officials who held a town hall meeting Wednesday night.

An astounding 22,000 people have died in Philadelphia since 2000 because of obesity-related health issues, the Health Department's Dr. Giridhar Mallya.

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Cost in local health care for obesity-related treatment, according to city health officials

The Department of Human Services held the meeting at 1515 Arch St. METRO

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Opening bars later among flurry of Council proposals

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▶ Council returned Thursday.

Employment, education and crime dominated Thursday's City Council session, the first of the year, and spurred a flurry of proposed legislation.

According to Councilman Bill Green, the three issues are inextricably related. "You can say it's all about jobs; but really, an educated workforce means more jobs. A revised tax structure means more jobs. There are a lot of levers you can pull for more jobs," he said. "The biggest public safety effort possible is to give someone a job."

He proposed a package that would require city-funded positions be limited to Philadelphia residents and private companies to interview city residents first for entry-level publicly-subsidized jobs.

As for education, Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds-Brown introduced a bill that would allow bars to stay open until 3 a.m., with the liquor tax revenue raised to go toward the school district.

She said that the city will have to hold joint hearings with the state first.

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New leader outlines his agenda

Newly minted Council President Darrell Clarke said that he hopes to concentrate on neighborhood improvements and community outreach.

He said the economy was No. 1 on his mind. He also hopes to pay down the city's debt and provide new employment opportunities to residents. "My first priority is figuring out how to create jobs," he said.

He also outlined rules for a streamlined City Council session.

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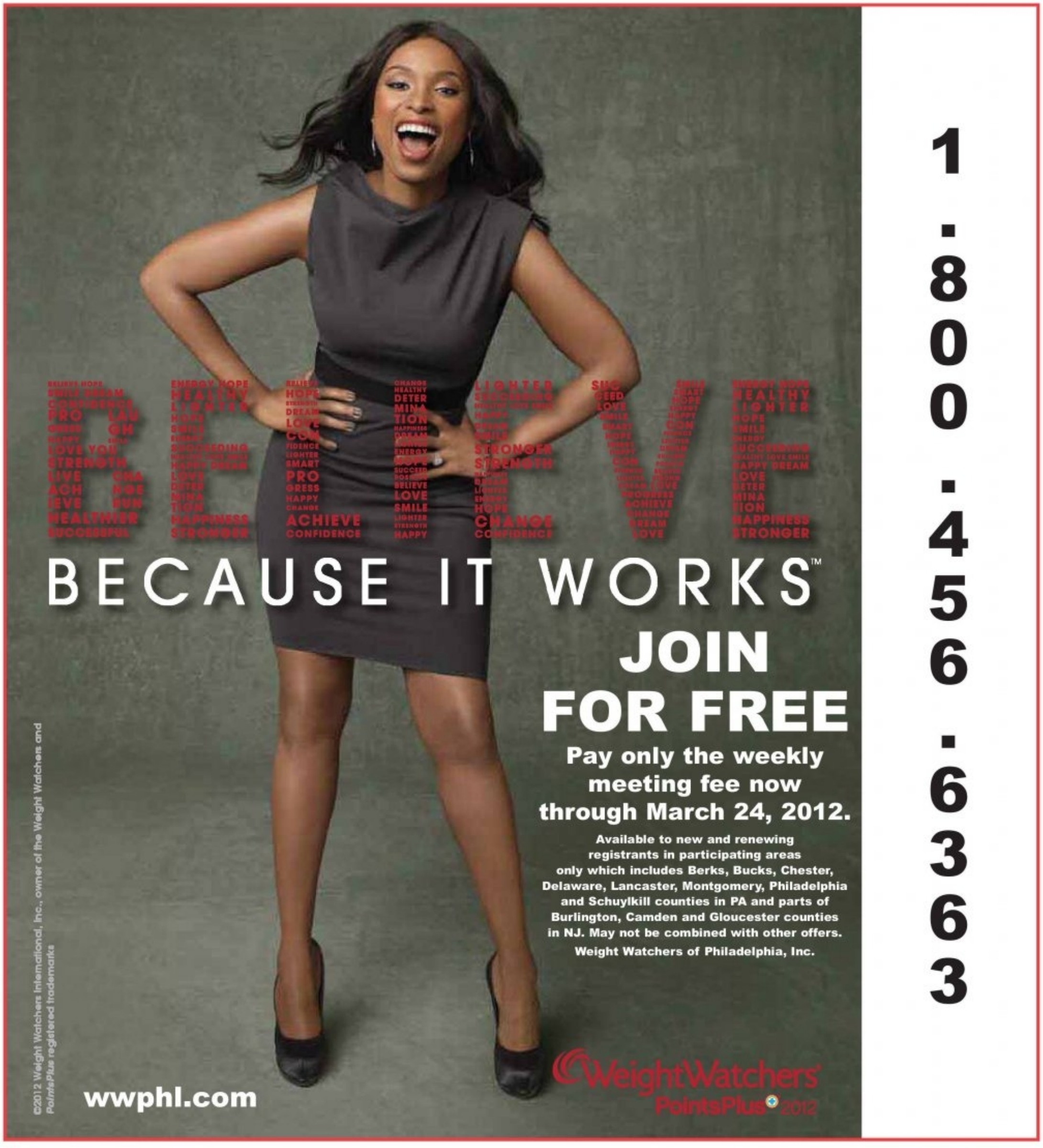
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Was it something he said, conservatives?

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It sure seems that someone has a problem with Newt Gingrich. And of course when we say someone, what we really mean is almost everyone. Everyone, that is, except for a conservative base that seems hungry for a non-Romney option.

Following his win in the South Carolina caucuses, the former House speaker has experienced a surge in polls. But this "Newtmentum" — a term we honestly feel is more appropriate for a stubborn bowel movement than a rise in political support — seems to have irked quite a few on the right.

Conservative voices like Ann Coulter and Tom Delay, and right-leaning media such as Drudge Report and the National Review, among others, are coming out very forcefully against a Gingrich candidacy, creating what Politico calls "a brutal noise-machine attack."

California Democrat Nancy Pelosi took some heat this week for her confident claim that a Gingrich win was "not going to happen," explaining only that "There is something I know." Perhaps that much-speculated-over thing can be found no further than conservative Op-Ed pages.

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Newt has apparently made some enemies.

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He said what?

"It's no wonder President Obama wants every kid to go to college."

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RICK SANTORUM WAS QUOTED WEDNESDAY WHILE CAMPAIGNING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN NAPLES, FLA. SANTORUM SAYS UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IS JUST A PLOY BY THE LEFT TO "INDOCTRINATE" AMERICA'S YOUTH. OF COURSE, SANTORUM WENT TO COLLEGE – THREE TIMES. IS THIS HIS WAY OF COMING OUT AS BRAINWASHED?

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Review

'The Grey'

Director: Joe Carnahan
Cast: Liam Neeson, Dermot Mulroney
Rating: R
Grade: ❶❷❸❹Ⓑ

Liam Neeson has enjoyed a remarkable renaissance as an action hero. "The Grey" is, on the surface, another in a line of pictures where Neeson beats up anything that dares cross his path — in this case, a pack of slobbering timber wolves. But "The Grey" is a far deeper picture, fitting perfectly into the realm of an existential horror film.

Neeson stars as a suicidal drilling rig tough guy whose plane goes down in a treacherous mountain region in Alaska, trapping him and his surviving co-stars in a blizzard-choked hell.

"The Grey" is a nerve-jangling shocker, filled with scenes of flesh-shredding horror as well as deeply moving sequences of Neeson. It's a brave performance — perhaps a career best.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

GETTY IMAGES

Action hero Liam is back with another 'Neesploitation' flick, 'The Grey,' which has him fighting dogs in the wild

Evidenced by his recent spate of ass-kicking roles, Liam Neeson seems like the scariest actor in Hollywood. Tall, broad and blunt, he cuts an intimidating profile, and watching him face down a pack of ravenous wolves in his new film — the mythic, man-versus-nature thriller "The Grey" — he seems like an equally ferocious creature, especially after he duct-tapes broken airplane liquor bottles to his knuckles. To hear Neeson tell it, however, he wouldn't last five minutes in the sub-zero conditions his character endures. "I'd curl up and die," the Irish actor says. "On our first day, cameras were malfunctioning and equipment wasn't working, and I thought, 'This is ludicrous.'"

In the last three years, Neeson has remodeled his imposing dramatic pedigree to suit action fans, spawning the unofficial "Neesploitation" subgenre — with films like "Taken," "Unknown" and now "The Grey" — where he squares off physically against a rogues' gallery of international baddies and proves unequivocally he's not to be trifled with. While his command of the screen is undeniable, he insists he's not the alpha-male type. "I can play them, but in life, I'm not one," he says. "It's great fun, because I know that I'm the opposite."

"The Grey" reunites Neeson with his "The A-Team" director, Joe Carnahan, whose survivalist thriller about a small group of plane crash survivors lost in the frozen north appealed to Neeson on both visceral and existential levels. "The script read like a 19th century epic poem for me, something like 'The Ancient Mariner' or something," Neeson says. "And also the little boy in myself — I just thought it would be great to be out with a bunch of guys on a cliff face or a rock face and doing manly things."

Quoted

"'Taken' came out three years ago, and they're offering me a lot of these action films. I think my knees can maybe hold out another year, but that's it."

NEESON, ON DOING ACTION FILMS

Although Neeson's recent foray into action has led him from the more cerebral films that helped make his name — like "Schindler's List" and "Kinsey" — he says he's doing movies like "The Grey" because he's asked to, not because he feels compelled to test himself physically or even professionally. "'Taken' came out three years ago, and they're offering me a lot of these action films," he reveals. "I think my knees can maybe hold out another year, but that's it." Nevertheless, Neeson says he plans to embrace this opportunity at least until the sequel for the film that transformed him into a badass comes out. "We're doing 'Taken 2' at the moment, so I'll ride it out for at least a year," he says.

In the meantime, Neeson regards his work in "The Grey" cheerfully, observing that while it certainly satisfies his previous films' testosterone quotient, it also possesses a deeper resonance that connects his current persona to his previous one. "It's a good, thrilling film," he says. "There's an element of horror in it, and also an element of spirituality in it. But it's a good ride! I know that's a cliche, but hopefully [audiences] will be intrigued by it — it's not your normal survival movie."

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THE DEVIL INSIDE (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 4:35, 6:55, 9:35, 11:55. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 4:35-6:55-9:25. Digital Presentation
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THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 6:50, 10:30. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 6:45-10:15. Digital Presentation
THE GREY (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, 12:50. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45. Digital Presentation
HAYWIRE (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 9:35, 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20, 12:45.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; **Sun** 9:35-12:05-2:35-5:10-7:35-10:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
HUGO (PG) 9:40, 12:40, 3:40. Digital Presentation
THE IRON LADY (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 9:45, 12:20, 2:55, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55.C INDEPENDENT; **Sun** 9:45-12:20-2:55-5:35-8:10-10:45.C INDEPENDENT
JOYFUL NOISE (PG-13) 1:15, 7:15
MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, 12:50; **Sun** 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30-10:00.
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ONE FOR THE MONEY (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 9:30, 12:00, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Fri** and **Sat** 10:45-1:15-4:05-6:35-9:05-12:00. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:45-1:15-4:05-6:35-9:05. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 9:30-12:00-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:20.

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A DANGEROUS METHOD (R) **Fri** 11:00, 1:25, 4:10, 6:30, 9:15.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; **Sat** 10:50-1:25-4:10-6:30-9:15.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:50-1:25-4:10-6:35-9:15.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
RED TAILS (PG-13) **Fri** 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 10:15-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:10. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:15-1:00-4:05-7:00-9:45. Digital Presentation
THE DESCENDANTS (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:20, 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55.C INDEPENDENT; **Sun** 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:20-9:50.C INDEPENDENT
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THE IRON LADY (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25.C INDEPENDENT; **Sun** 12:10-2:45-5:10-7:50-10:05.C INDEPENDENT
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UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING 3D (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:10, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:20, 10:30. RealD 3D; **Sun** 11:10-1:30-3:45-6:00-8:10-10:15. RealD 3D
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THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 7:20, 10:40. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 7:20. Digital Presentation
THE GREY (R) **Fri** 2:30, 5:15, 8:15, 10:55. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 11:30-2:30-5:15-8:15-10:55. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 11:30-2:30-5:15-8:15. Digital Presentation
HAYWIRE (R) **Fri** 2:55, 5:20, 7:55, 10:15.C INDEPENDENT; **Sat** 10:15-12:35-2:55-5:20-7:55-10:15.C INDEPENDENT; **Sun** 10:15-12:35-2:55-5:20-7:55.C INDEPENDENT
MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) **Fri** 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00. Digital Presentation
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WAR HORSE (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 9:15; **Sun** 7:10.

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THE GREY (R) **Fri** 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; **Sat** 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50.; **Sun** 1:10-4:10-7:10.
HAYWIRE (R) **Fri** 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; **Sat** 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:00.; **Sun** 1:20-4:20-7:20.
HUGO (PG) 3:30
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'Man on a Ledge'
Director: Asger Leth
Cast: Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks, Anthony Mackie, Jamie Bell
Rating: PG-13 **Grade:** ❶❷❸❹❺
An effectively simple premise is ruined by endless convolutions in "Man on a Ledge," which casts Sam Worthington as an ex-con who has mysteriously and perilously planted himself on the wrong side of a Manhattan hotel penthouse. Elizabeth Banks is good as the police psychologist assigned to talk him down, but Asger Leth's stilted, uneven direction fails to effectively balance their tete-a-tete against the heist-movie machinations that take over in the second half and consign "Man on a Ledge" to forgettable thriller-of-the-week territory.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN CANADA

▶ Don't do it, Sam! "Avatar" wasn't that bad!
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TV watch list

'Chuck'

COMEDY. From slacker nerd to reluctant, accident-prone spy to James Bond-in-the-making, Chuck Bartowski has made the intelligence game a whole lot of fun to be privy to. Chuck's final mission not only puts his and wife Sarah's lives in danger, but their relationship is at risk as well. We're already mourning the loss of this show — they better not break up our favorite undercover couple, too! **Series finale, Friday, 8 p.m., NBC**

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▶ Zachary Levi stars as Chuck Bartowski and Yvonne Strahovski as Sarah Walker on "Chuck."

'Luck'

DRAMA. David Milch brings his love of horse-racing and slow-burning drama to HBO in this series that details life at the track. The lives of Dustin Hoffman's scheming horse owner (just released from prison) and Nick Nolte's horse trainer become intertwined with a surprising cast of characters — from jockeys to gamblers — who inhabit this high-stakes world. Alongside Milch, Michael Mann serves as co-executive producer and director. **Series premiere, Sunday, 9 p.m., HBO**

'Spartacus: Vengeance'

DRAMA. Liam McIntyre steps into the title character's sandals after the tragic passing of star Andy Whitfield (he died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in September). It's a tough position to be in, but rest assured, McIntyre doesn't disappoint (particularly in the abs department), nor does the show skimp on its hallmark sex and violence — especially when a massacre takes place in a whorehouse in Friday's premiere. **Season premiere, Friday, 10 p.m., Starz**

'Great Performances'

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

This week, everyone is talking about Demi Moore's trip to the hospital for "exhaustion" and because she, apparently, was on whippets. Sorry, Seal and Heidi — no one seems to care that you are splitting.

@BrianXMcCrone
Demi Moore's trip to rehab for "exhaustion" should be a time of reflection for MILFs everywhere.

@marygeorgant
When you're as rich & famous as Demi ur drug of choice is whippets? She must have known this would eventually be made public

@v0xtheriot
isn't a rehab for exhaustion technically a paid vacation?

@itsnatscott
Whippets? Seriously? I blame Ashton for this one.

@CityMaps
I'm exhausted that stars keep saying their going to rehab for 'exhaustion."

Whippet. Whippet, good.

THE WORD

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Demi out of hospital; whippets to blame

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Moore

This is a hard one to really believe: The substance that reportedly put **Demi Moore** in the hospital was nitrous oxide, a gas most commonly used in dentist's offices and whipped cream cans that is also popular on the concert tailgating scene, according to TMZ. A friend of Moore's reportedly called 911 after the actress had an adverse reaction to a "whippet," a small canister of nitrous oxide that can be inhaled. But friends say the most recent incident — which landed Moore in rehab — was just the latest in a long downward slide. "Really, it was over the last year her friends saw a change," the source tells People magazine. "She wasn't sleeping as well, didn't seem to be eating and looked really gaunt."

Whatever it was, Moore was released from the hospital yesterday. There's no word on her next steps. But let's hope she'll take better care of herself — and will stay clear of any **Disco Biscuit** concerts in the near future.

Tequlia even makes letters more interesting

Can I have a "D"? What about an "R"?" "U-N-K?"

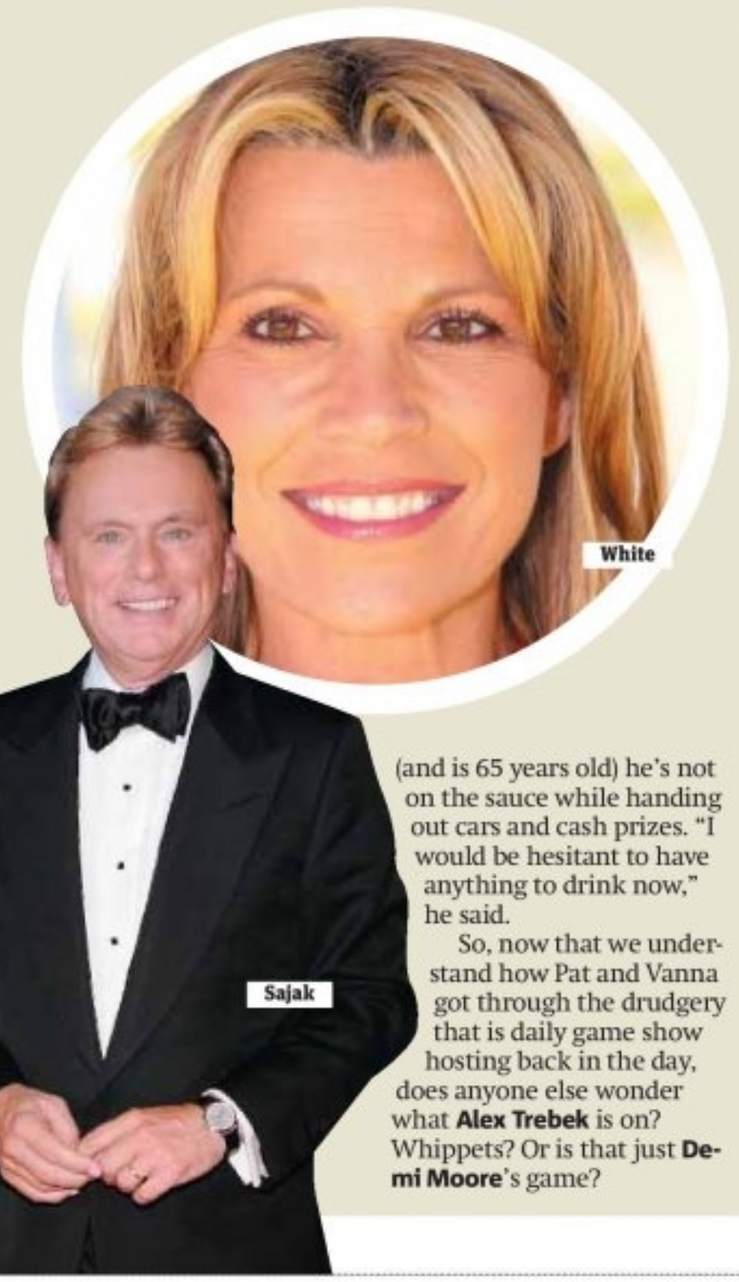
There's a reason **Pat Sajak** and **Vanna White** were able to act excited every time a correct letter was guessed on "The Wheel of Fortune": They were sloshed.

On ESPN's "Dan Le Batard is Highly Questionable" radio show on Tuesday, Sajak told the host that back in the '80s, he and Vanna would down margaritas between shows and then stumble back to the set.

"Vanna and I would ... have two or three or six and then come and do the last shows and have trouble recognizing the alphabet. They're really good tapes to get ahold of. I had a great time," Sajak said. "I have no idea if the shows were any good, but no one said anything, so I guess I did OK."

But rest assured. Now that he's been hosting for more than 30 years (and is 65 years old) he's not on the sauce while handing out cars and cash prizes. "I would be hesitant to have anything to drink now," he said.

So, now that we understand how Pat and Vanna got through the drudgery that is daily game show hosting back in the day, does anyone else wonder what **Alex Trebek** is on? Whippets? Or is that just **Demi Moore**'s game?



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Talking points

The eternal question for Brad Pitt

Brad Pitt admits that for him and **Angelina Jolie**, the marriage question keeps coming up — and not just from the press. "We'd actually like to," Pitt tells the Hollywood Reporter. "And it seems to mean more and more to our kids." But what about the couple's previous statement that they wouldn't marry until gays and lesbians could legally wed as well? "We made this declaration some time ago that we weren't going to do it till everyone can," Pitt says. "But I don't think we'll be able to hold out. It means so much to my kids, and they ask a lot. And it means something to me, too, to make that kind of commitment."

▶ Beyonce and Oprah go way back.

Oprah is tapped as godmother

Beyonce Knowles and **Jay-Z** have reportedly decided they want **Oprah Winfrey** to be their newborn daughter's godmother, according to Media Takeout. A source close to the couple says they wanted to give the honor to someone not already related to 1-month-old **Blue Ivy Carter**, ruling out Beyonce's sister, **Solange Knowles**. As for the little girl's godfather, the new parents have reportedly asked Jay-Z's best friend, **Tyran "Ty Ty" Smith**.

Locklear won't do rehab

Despite recently being hospitalized for an alleged overdose of alcohol and Xanax, **Heather Locklear** won't be heading to rehab, according to Hollyscoop. Sources close to the actress say she had actually been finding success with a private sobriety program but slipped after her November split from fiance **Jack Wagner**. The actress will reportedly restart the program and meet regularly with a therapist.

Check your alter ego, Gaga!

At least one person is getting tired of **Lady Gaga**'s bigger-than-life persona, and unfortunately it's her boyfriend, **Taylor Kinney**, who reportedly wants her to "check her alter ego at the door when she's with him," according to In Touch. "Gaga started living and breathing her character 24/7 because she felt her fans wanted that," a source says. "Taylor has convinced her that he loves the real Stefani [Germonatta]."

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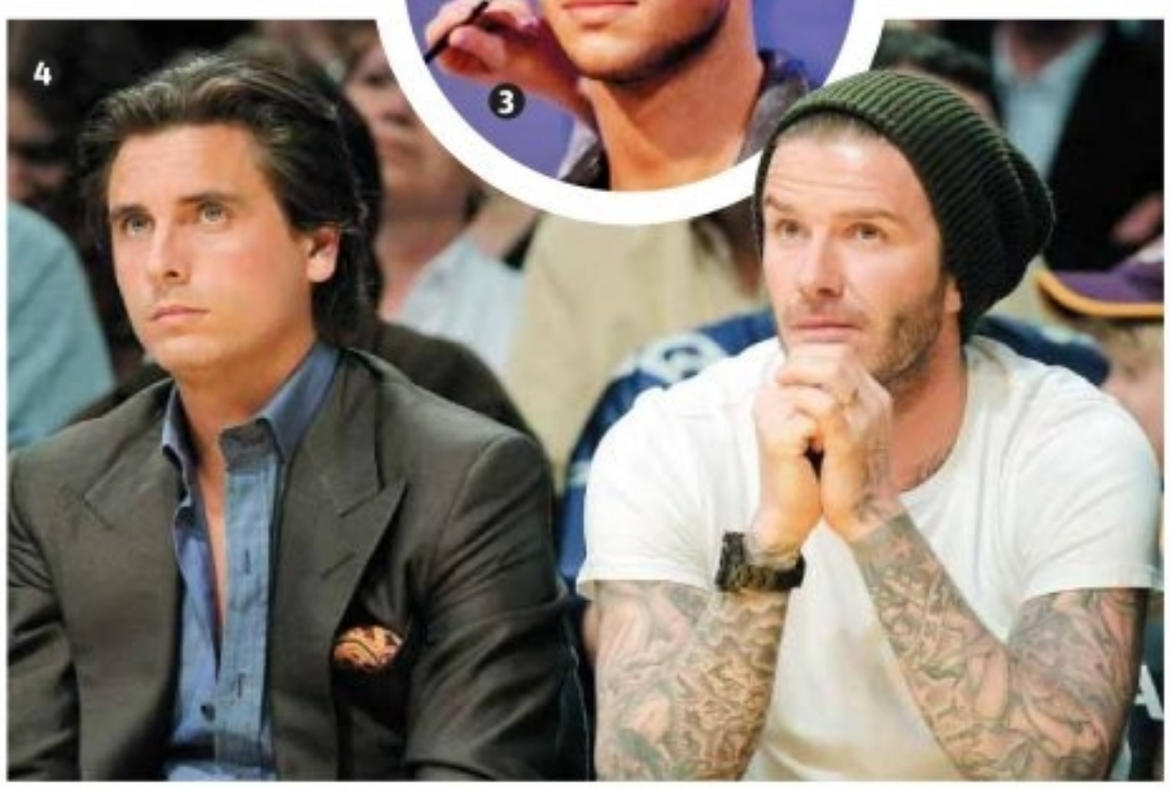

A frog, his pig and your weekend celebrity photo page

1. Kermit the Frog and **Miss Piggy** attended the U.K. premiere of "The Muppets" at The Mayfair Hotel on Thursday in London.

2. Couple **Andrew Garfield** and **Emma Stone** were sighted outside of JFK Airport on Wednesday in New York City.

3. On Thursday, Madame Tussauds in London unveiled its most realistic wax figure yet — **Taylor Lautner**!

4. David Beckham and **Scott Disick** (what a weird couple) attended the Los Angeles Lakers game on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

5. Miranda Kerr arrived at Narita International Airport on Wednesday in Narita, Japan.

6. Hugh Jackman strolled through JFK Airport on Wednesday in New York City.

7. Cameron Diaz sat in the front row (of course she did) at the Valentino Spring/Summer 2012 Haute-Couture Show as part of Paris Fashion Week on Wednesday in Paris.

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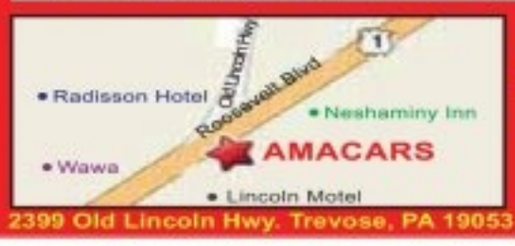

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Letters

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Not all economists agree on recession

RE: "STATE OF THE UNION: OPTIMISTIC PABLUM": Paul Krugman might still believe the Keynsian notion that government can spend its way into economic growth, but the late Fredrick Hayek, Nouriel Rabini and Lawrence White do not believe "government needs to provide more stimulus to create jobs and prosperity. In fact, they believe the opposite — that the U.S., like the E.U., cannot spend it way out of its economic problems. **MELISSA BELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Metro is right on the mark to compare stimulus spending with college loans. Look at all the Occupods whining that the money they spent to get a degree in Ancient Languages hasn't translated into a six-figure salary immediately upon graduation. It's just like the waste of trillions of dollars of bailouts. **FRANK DIXON, VIA E-MAIL**

"Stop blaming Bush. Yes, he made a mess of things."

RE: "GEORGE W. BUSH LIKE COWARDLY CAPTAIN": You talk about "W's dereliction of duty." He hasn't been president for four years! Stop blaming Bush. Yes, he made a mess of things. Did Obama keep his promise to fix it? No. **RACHEL ALBANESE, VIA E-MAIL**

We're all biased, so no political articles?

RE: "FACT-CHECKING MUST INCLUDE SOME FACTS": Should political issues be eliminated from newspapers so they would only be saturated with fashion thievery lawsuits, Photoshopping controversies, compatible love neighborhoods, celebrity idolatries, movie reviews and sports narrations? I'm only questioning because some people seem to have a problem with Metro's political articles. One letter-writer thinks Metro is more accepting of liberal viewpoints — but there are probably more liberal writers sending e-mails to Metro. Another someone who appears to have a disliking toward Brayden Simms' thoughts berated Metro as "wholly committed to biased political commentary." Metro clearly states that "it does not endorse the opinions of the author." Simms just happens to be the leading politics writer within Metro. It's he who is biased. But who isn't?! Anyone talking about politics is going to be inevitably biased and partisan, including you. **SHERI ZHANG, VIA E-MAIL**

The letters castigating Mr. Simms for his fact-checking column were, to a one, silly. But I do agree Mr. Simms should've included specific counterarguments. For example, you can't compare the U.S. deficit to Greece's as they're completely different in structure and conditions, and neither the U.S. economy nor government is anywhere near collapsing. I hope Simms continues his writing here; its one of the more informative areas of the paper. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Edwards is actually universally loathed

RE: "DEMS SEEM TO BE UNFORGIVING ... UNLESS IT IS YOUR OWN DEVIANTS": Excuse me, but nobody "forgave or accepted" John Edwards after what he did to his wife. Nor should anybody forgive or accept what Newt has done to his wives. **JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** There is a strong possibility that you might experience a rather unusual turn of events. When trying to help out another, the party in question could end up doing more for you.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Big rewards could come in small packages, so don't be too quick to reject a job that doesn't pay well. If you do good work, much more is likely to be in the pipeline.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You're not only quick on your feet, you're fast when working with your brain as well. Don't let anyone set the pace for you – disengage yourself from others and operate on your own.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because you'll be able to handle most any dilemma with deduction and intuition, you should resolve a problem with accuracy and lightning speed.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Get out and mingle. Not only will you enjoy doing so, you're likely to meet someone new with whom you could form an instant bond and maybe even a lifelong friendship.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Several unique opportunities having to do with your work or career might present themselves. However, the chance to take advantage of them is fleeting, so don't shilly-shally.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Follow your inclinations if someone is constantly on your mind. There could be some very good reasons why you need to touch base with this person soon.

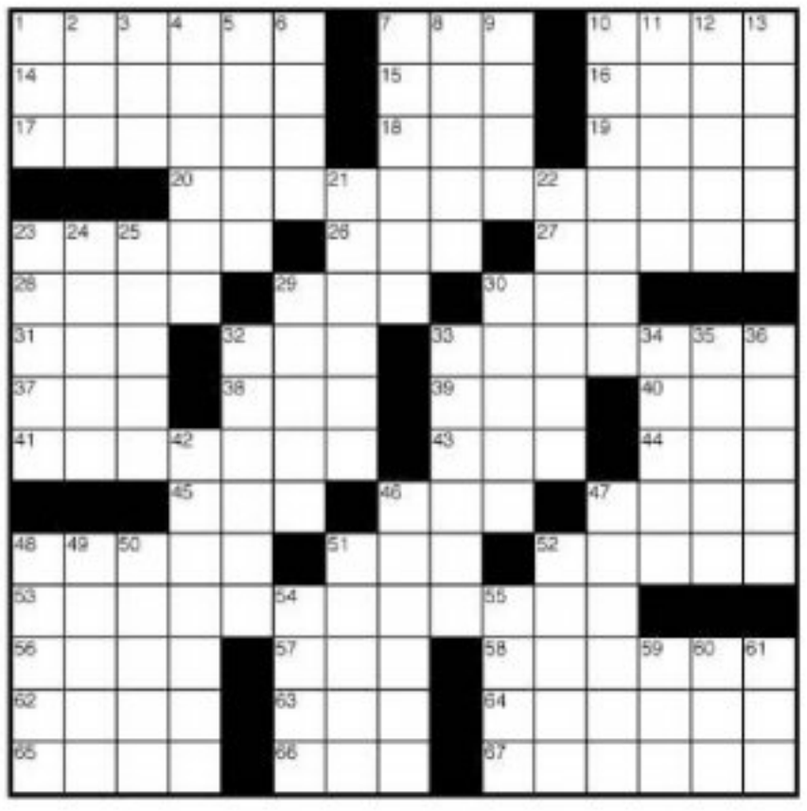
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your ability to pick up on the thoughts of others and use them in advantageous ways will come in handy. Keep one eye on the zeitgeist, and the other on the bottom line.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You're likely to get an opportunity to win someone important over to your side by objectively discussing a matter with him or her that is of mutual concern and interest.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A little brainstorming with some of your co-workers could pay off in spades. Some rather ingenious ideas for increasing productivity and lowering stress could be the result.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Unusual circumstances could once again involve you with someone whom you recently met who you'd like to get to know better. You'll find that you have much in common.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** An important matter can be resolved to your satisfaction, but it might require the full use of your imagination and resourcefulness. Happily, these are two of your best assets. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Female rockers showcase Sugar Town sets up at the soon-to-close Tritone one last time ● Founder Sara Sherr on why the show will go on

With the closing of the Tritone just months away, Saturday marks the last Sugar Town on South Street, as Philly's monthly celebration of women in rock packs its bags and heads north.

Sugar Town began in 2001 as rock journalist Sara Sherr's pet project and has been presented in myriad venues over the years. But since 2007, Sugar Town has been holding court at the Tritone, where it has inspired multiple generations of female rockers.

"With the [Tritone] incarnation, I discovered a whole new group of women who were too young for Sugar Town in the early 2000s," says Sherr. "Plus, there was suddenly more gay and straight crowds mixing it up at rock shows, so I discovered a queer scene that really wanted to support it."

Typically, ST features at least two Philly-based female-led bands, one national act and a slew of female DJs spinning between sets. And that's exactly what Sherr has in store this weekend. Going forward, she promises to keep the night alive in the coming months at Kung Fu Necktie.

"There are times when people are really excited about a feminist-minded rock show, and there are times when it's not cool to be a feminist, so there have been a lot of ups and downs," says Sherr. "But I think the reason I keep doing it is the people Sugar Town brings in: They're not obsessed with being cool. They're about having fun and being themselves. I know that might sound corny, but there it is."

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▶ Through being cool: Sara Sherr digs the crowd Sugar Town attracts and will keep the event going.

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music

When crooners stop being polite

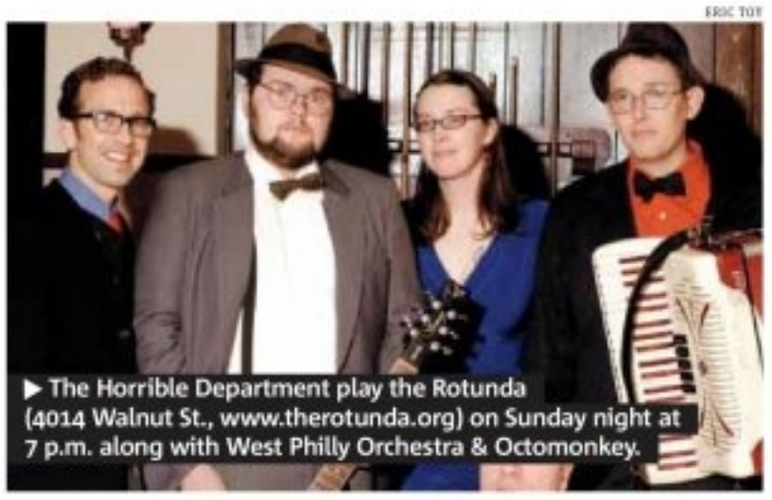
"The other day someone candidly described my voice as being like a cross between Nick Cave and Ethel Merman," offers Reid Books when attempting to explain the sound of his band, the Horrible Department. "But I consider myself a crooner who gets angry and yells occasionally."

Still, a spot somewhere between Cave's gothic murder ballads and Merman's absurd theatricality wouldn't be a bad place to begin describing the Horrible Department, which is celebrating the release of its vinyl-and-download debut, "Capital I and the Royal Waltzing We." The music comes from a Brecht/Weill-inspired musical that premiered at the Rotunda last April.

Books grew up in North Jersey listening to punk, and that initial interest has, over time, accrued additional influences — from Samuel Beckett to Astor Piazzolla to Woody Guthrie — to land on the Horrible Department's distinctively theatrical sound.

"My continuing interest in punk is its use as an aesthetic playground," Books says. "The aim is to replicate various states of claustrophobic delirium and frustrated irrationality. The music and words are meant to tell a very confused story with universal themes."

ERIC TOY



▶ The Horrible Department play the Rotunda (4014 Walnut St., www.therotunda.org) on Sunday night at 7 p.m. along with West Philly Orchestra & Octomonkey.

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music

... And all that Jasssz

You may recognize Jaimoe as a founding member of the Allman Brothers Band. And you may also recognize one of the songs on "Renaissance Man," the new album from Jaimoe's Jasssz Band, as a classic Allmans song. But the odd thing is, since they have always been a two-drummer band, Jaimoe never actually plays on "Melissa."

"I just thought it never made sense to have two drummers playing on that song," he says. "It's a nice, soft song."

But when Jasssz Band guitarist Junior Mack brought up the idea, Jaimoe was on board.

"Junior's been doing this song in his repertoire ever since the song came out," says Jaimoe. "He said, 'I do "Melissa," but I do it in a bossa nova,' and I said, 'Hey man, let's play it.' And we did and it sounded pretty cool."

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CARL VERLUND

▶ On Saturday night, Jaimoe's Jasssz Band play the Theatre of the Living Arts (334 South St.). For more info visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Ain't wastin' time no more

Jaimoe has anecdotes about being fired by soul legend Joe Tex on three separate occasions and bandleader Donald "Cadillac" Henry hiring him to replace Otis Redding's in-the-pocket drummer Elbert "Woody" Woodson.

"About two hours after I got there, there's a knock on the door," Jaimoe recalls, with a slight laugh, "and Cadillac opened the door and it was Woody, and Cadillac said, 'Hey man, come on in. Meet Otis' new drummer.' Woody almost peed on his self. 'New drummer? Ain't nobody told me about that!' And Cadillac said, 'Well, man you gave Otis your notice so he told me to find him a drummer.'"

A look at the book

Though Jaimoe was not a part of "Melissa," he says he's been a part of so much musical history that he needs to put out a book: "I see something online, and somebody will be talking about something that just isn't true, so I see it and I say, 'Nah, I'm not gonna mess with it,'" he says. "But some of it, I just can't take it, so I sit down and write, 'Actually, what really happened ...' and it ends up leading into something else that was going on and instead of a sentence it ends up being something like five or six paragraphs."

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Tool
Sunday, 8 p.m.
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Arts

'For the Love of Pig Iron: The Aporkalypse'
Friday, 8 p.m.
$25-$75, The Trocadero
www.pigiron.org

Pig Iron Theatre Company's annual benefit cabaret features live performances by Martha Graham Cracker, Johnny Showcase and assorted friends and family — as well as live and silent auctions.

JOAN MARCUS

▶ Let it "Rain."

'Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles'
Tuesday through Feb. 5
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They do more than play the Fab Four's classics. The "Rain" crew also hit the right notes when it comes to their threads — from snug suits to Sgt. Pepper regalia — and gestures. It all comes down to: Are you charmed or creeped out by faux Lennon?

'Jerry Blavat's 10th Anniversary Extravaganza'
Saturday, 8 p.m.
$41-$81,
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Monday, 8 p.m.
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▶ Let's go, Mr. Gosling.

RICHARD FOREMAN

Music

Jonathan Michel

Friday, 7 p.m.
$5, Art Sanctuary Gallery
628 S. 16th St.
Art Sanctuary Gallery hosts a live music showcase every fourth Friday. This month, they're teaming up with "One Book, One Philadelphia" to present jazz bassist and composer Jonathan Michel, whose arrangements are inspired by his Haitian heritage. "My dad started showing me how to play music when I was 4. It was kind of traditional, folk style, and it's basically the foundation of why I'm a musician today," he tells us. "It inspires everything that I do, it inspires my understanding of music and theory. The connections that I made with black American jazz music are because of my heritage."

▶ See Jonathan Michel this Friday.

Restaurant news & notes

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Fort Washington's Cantina Feliz has opened a second location within city limits. Tucked away in Fairmount, La Calaca Feliz is serving up Mexican fare complete with plenty of tequila. Coming soon: greenhouse seating.

Angel's Envy happy hour at Lemon Hill
Monday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
745 N. 25th St.
www.lemonhillphilly.com
Good, good heavens: This happy hour will star discounted Angel's Envy Old Fashioneds, as well as samples of the artisan bourbon.

Center City District Restaurant Week
Friday and Jan. 29-Feb. 3
www.centercityphila.org
It's that time again. A ton of participating Center City restaurants are offering three-course dinners for $35 and three-course lunches for $20. Week one wraps up Friday and the offer is not available at most restaurants on Saturday, but then Round 2 begins on Sunday. Visit the website to make reservations (recommended!) and view menus (recommended only if you're not hungry).

Craft cans to-go at Percy Street
900 South St.
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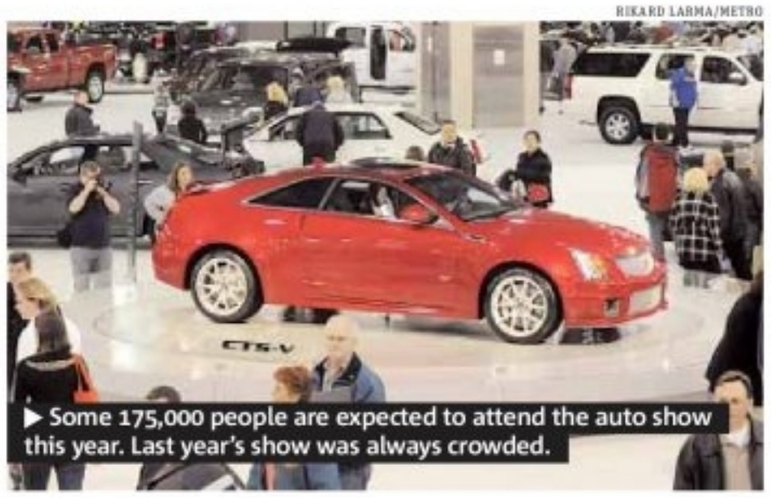

▶ Some 175,000 people are expected to attend the auto show this year. Last year's show was always crowded.

For many car aficionados, one of the most exciting aspects of the Philadelphia Auto Show is checking out 2013 vehicles before they hit showrooms. This year's collection of preproduction models is one of the largest in the convention's history.

"This lineup is truly a testament to how important the Philadelphia Auto Show is to the retail sales market in our country," said Executive Director Kevin Mazzucola of the Automobile Dealers Association of Greater Philadelphia, which produces and owns the show.

Eighteen preproduction models will be on the auto show's floor, including the latest in green and exotic offerings. Held at the newly expanded convention center, the 2012 show runs from Jan. 28 through Feb. 5.

"Whether you visit the auto show as a car enthusiast or are on a quest to find that special dream car, you will be pleased with the outcome of this year's event," Mazzucola said. "I guarantee it."

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On the floor

The 2012 Philly Auto Show will boast at least 18 preproduction models on this year's display floor:

- 2013 Audi A5 Cabriolet
- 2013 Audi A8L
- 2013 Cadillac ATS
- 2013 Cadillac XTS
- 2013 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1
- 2013 Chevrolet Malibu
- 2013 Dodge Dart
- 2013 Ford Mustang Boss 302
- 2013 Ford Taurus SHO
- 2013 Ford Escape
- 2013 Ford Fusion
- 2013 Infiniti JX
- 2013 Lexus GS
- 2013 Mazda CX-5
- 2013 MINI Roadster
- 2012 Porsche 911 Carrera
- 2013 Subaru BRZ
- 2012 Scion iQ

A variety of the latest green models will also be on display, including the 2013 Chevrolet Spark, 2013 Ford C-MAX Energi, 2012 Chevrolet Volt, 2012 Fisker Karma, 2012 Nissan Leaf, 2012 Toyota Prius c a nd 2012 Volvo C30 Electric.

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- **1)** Mayor Michael Nutter did his honorary "first drive" of the Philadelphia Auto Show on Friday evening when he took the wheel of a 2013 Ford Fusion.
- **2)** Nutter took a peek under the hood of the Fusion after he took it for a short spin down one of the massive corridors at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, where more than 175,000 people are expected to visit for the weeklong show.
- **3)** A unidentified red sedan also captured Nutter's attention before he got into the Fusion. At least 18 preproduction models will be on display.

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Profit shares

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US carmakers could lose market share in 2012

"Market-share loss is never positive, but the U.S. automakers are still going to grow."
JESSE TOPRAK, TRUECAR.COM ANALYST

U.S. automakers led by General Motors may lose share in their home market this year, a setback that might be assuaged by holding onto some of their gains against disaster-stricken Japanese rivals in 2011.

GM, Ford and Chrysler, coming off a year in which all three added share for the first time since 1988, may drop a combined 1.3 percent of U.S. market share in 2012, according to a Bloomberg survey of five analysts. As Toyota and Honda recover from Japan's tsunami and Thailand's floods, they may find stiffer competition limiting their combined slice of the market to where it was seven years ago.

The U.S. automakers may each increase sales by less than the total market's growth this year, according to all five analysts surveyed. While falling unemployment, rising consumer confidence and the need to replace aging vehicles will drive demand, increased Japanese output and improved competition from Korean brands and Volkswagen will test Detroit's discipline on protecting profit rather than simply selling products. Sales may rise this year to 13.6 million vehicles, the average estimate of the five analysts, from 12.8 million in 2011, continuing the recovery from 2009's 27-year low.
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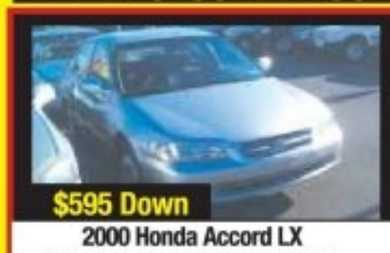
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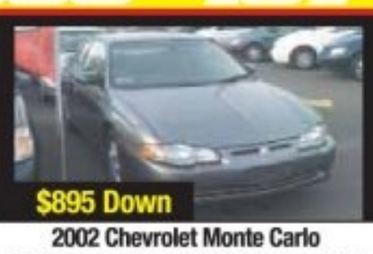
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Penn State mourns Paterno one last time, as a family

Fans, alumni, players pay homage to legendary coach ● Nike president defends role in Sandusky scandal ● Public service lasts more than two hours, draws nearly 12,000 people

"A Memorial to Joe" is what they called it.

Some 12,000 people flooded Penn State's basketball arena for a campus memorial service Thursday honoring former football coach Joe Paterno. The day capped three days of mourning at the university for man who prided himself on "success with honor."

"No one individual has ever done more for a university anywhere in the country than what Joe Paterno did for this school," said former PSU quarterback Todd Blackledge.

The event lasted nearly 2 ½ hours, with most supporters choosing to highlight his many accomplishments — Paterno won more games (409) than any other coach in Division I history — rather than the Jerry Sandusky child-sex abuse scandal that led to his firing on Nov. 9. Nike chairman Phil Knight was the only person to directly reference the scandal, and he stood up for Paterno.

"Whatever the details of the [school's] investigation are, this much is clear to me: If there is a villain in this tragedy, it lies in that investigation, not in Joe Paterno," Knight said.

Those comments were greeted with a standing ovation from those in attendance, including Paterno's widow, Sue, and the rest of his family seated in the front row. His son, Jay, gave the final eulogy.

"Joe Paterno left this world with a clear conscience," he said. METRO

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▶ Joe Paterno's widow, Sue, consoles her grandson.

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JAY PATERNO, ON WHAT HE SAID TO HIS DAD BEFORE HE DIED

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▶ Lidge inked a one-year deal with Washington.

Playoff hero Lidge heads to Nationals

Former Phillies closer Brad Lidge is now an NL East rival.

Lidge signed a one-year, $1 million deal — plus incentives — Thursday with the Washington Nationals. The 35-year-old passed a physical exam earlier in the week and is expected to mentor the Nationals' young bullpen. He'll also be reunited with another former Phillie, Jayson Werth, who left for Washington following the 2010 season.

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Career saves for Brad Lidge, including 100 for the Phillies, in 10 MLB seasons. He's 26-31 with a 3.44 ERA in 592 overall appearances.

Lidge went 0-2 with the Phils last season with one save and a 1.40 ERA in 25 appearances, while battling shoulder injuries. He lost his closer's role to Ryan Madson. In four seasons in South Philadelphia, the right-hander went 3-11 with 100 saves and a 3.73 ERA.

Lidge, who went 48-for-48 in save chances (including the postseason) in 2008, will always be remembered for getting the last save in that historic World Series' run.

The final out has been capsulated in one of the most iconic photographs in Philadelphia sports history showing Lidge looking skyward on his knees as catcher Carlos Ruiz sprinted to him.

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